

6 AAC 25.070(d) is amended to read:

(d) Instructions for indicating a write-in choice will be posted in each polling place. If the instructions are not understood, the voter may ask an election official for assistance. **If the voter requests assistance from an election official regarding the correct spelling of a write-in candidate's name, the election official shall provide the requested assistance, including showing the voter a list of the names of write-in candidates.** (Eff. 7/11/82, Register 83; am 8/24/96, Register 139; am 6/22/98, Register 147; am 10/31/98, Register 148; am 8/22/2004, Register 171; am __/__/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.15.361 AS 15.20.900
AS 15.15.030

6 AAC 25.085 is repealed:

6 AAC 25.085. Counting of write-in votes in general election. Repealed. (Eff. 8/13/2000, Register 155; repealed __/__/____, Register ____)

6 AAC 25.145(b) is amended to read:

(b) Forms used to register a voter will be reviewed at least once a year. If at the time of the review, **a group that has applied for recognized political party status or obtained** recognized political party status [HAS BEEN OBTAINED BY A POLITICAL GROUP, THE GROUP'S NAME] will be printed on the form [WITH OTHER RECOGNIZED POLITICAL PARTIES]. If a political party no longer qualifies as a recognized political party as defined in AS 15.80.010 when the forms are reprinted, the party's name will be removed from the form at the time of the review unless the items required in 6 AAC 25.140(b) and (c) are submitted.

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(Eff. 5/14/2006, Register 178; am 10/16/2009, Register 192; am ____/____/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.80.008

6 AAC 25.505(S) is amended to read:

(S) the applicant to request a **special absentee ballot** [SPECIAL ADVANCE BALLOT] under AS 15.20.082 if the applicant expects to be living, working, or traveling outside the United States or expects to be in a remote area of the state; and

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(Eff. 4/25/2008, Register 186; am 1-/16/2009, Register 192; am ____/____/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.20.081

6 AAC 25.590(e) is amended to read:

(e) Specific instructions for voting a by-mail ballot[, AND A LIST OF THE APPOINTED ABSENTEE VOTING OFFICIALS AND THEIR HOURS AND LOCATIONS,] will be mailed to each voter with the ballot. (Eff. 8/12/90, Register 115; am 8/13/2000, Register 155; am 8/23/2001, Register 159; am ____/____/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 15.07.070 AS 15.20.072 AS 15.20.082
AS 15.15.010 AS 15.20.081 AS 15.20.800
AS 15.20.061

The section heading of 6 AAC 25.660 is changed to read:

6 AAC 25.660. Special absentee ballot [SPECIAL ADVANCE BALLOT]

The lead-in language of 6 AAC 25.660(a) is amended to read:

(a) Under AS 15.20.082, the director will send a **special absentee ballot** [SPECIAL ADVANCE BALLOT] for a state primary election, state general election, or state special election to a voter who has notified the director in writing that the voter expects to be living, working, or traveling outside the United States or in a remote area of the state where distance, terrain, or other natural conditions deny the voter reasonable access to a polling place at the time of the election. The voter may give written notice by

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6 AAC 25.660(b) is amended to read:

(b) A **special absentee ballot** [SPECIAL ADVANCE BALLOT] will be mailed to **an absent uniformed services voter or an overseas voter as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1973ff-6** [A VOTER] who provides written notice under (a) of this section if the application is received not later than **47** [28] days before the election in which the voter seeks to vote. **A special absentee ballot will be mailed to all other voters who have notified the director under (a) of this section, if the application is received two days before the first scheduled mailing of the official ballot in which the voter seeks to vote.**

6 AAC 25.660(c) is amended to read:

(c) A voter voting a **special absentee ballot** [SPECIAL ADVANCE BALLOT] shall mail the ballot to the director who shall maintain a record of each ballot received as prescribed under AS 15.20.081 (g).

6 AAC 25.660(d) is amended to read:

(d) A voter receiving the **special absentee ballot** [SPECIAL ADVANCE BALLOT] will also be sent the official ballot as soon as it is available. On or after the 15th day following the election, the director, in the presence and with the assistance of the state review board, will determine if the regular ballot sent to the voter under AS 15.20.082 (d) has been received. If the voter's regular ballot has been received not later than the deadlines established in AS 15.20.081 (e) and (h), the voter's special absentee ballot will not be reviewed or counted, and the **special absentee ballot** [SPECIAL ADVANCE BALLOT] will remain sealed in the oath and affidavit envelope. If the director determines that the regular ballot has not been received in the time required by law, the state review board shall review and count the **special absentee ballot** [SPECIAL ADVANCE BALLOT] under AS 15.20.220. The **special absentee ballot** [SPECIAL ADVANCE BALLOT] will be reviewed in the same manner prescribed for the district absentee ballot counting review under AS 15.20.203, and will be counted under AS 15.15.360.

(Eff. 8/12/90, Register 115; am 8/24/96, Register 139; am 8/22/2004, Register 171; am 10/16/2009, Register 192; am __/__/____, Register ____)

Authority:	AS 15.15.010	AS 15.20.081	AS 15.20.203
	AS 15.15.360	AS 15.20.082	

6 AAC 25.670(c) is amended to read:

(c) A federal write-in ballot of a voter will be reviewed in the manner prescribed by 6 AAC 25.660(d) for the review of the state's **special absentee ballot** [SPECIAL ADVANCE

BALLOT], except that additional restrictions apply. The federal write-in ballot will not be reviewed or counted, and will remain sealed in the oath and affidavit envelope if

(1) in the case of a ballot submitted by an overseas voter who is not an absent uniformed services voter, the ballot is submitted from any location in the United States;

(2) the voter failed to apply for a by-mail ballot as required by the deadline set out under AS 15.20.081;

(3) the voter's regular absentee ballot or state **special absentee ballot** [SPECIAL ADVANCE BALLOT] is received by the deadlines established in AS 15.20.081 (e) and (h).

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(Eff. 8/12/90, Register 115; am 8/22/2004, Register 171; am 5/14/2006, Register 178; am 10/16/2009, Register 192; am __/__/____, Register ____)

Authority:	AS 15.05.011	AS 15.15.010	AS 15.20.082
	AS 15.05.014	AS 15.20.081	AS 15.20.203

The section heading of 6 AAC 25.672 is changed to read:

6 AAC 25.672. Special absentee ballots [SPECIAL ADVANCE BALLOTS] for federal races

6 AAC 25.672(a) is amended to read:

(a) If an election for which a **special absentee ballot** [SPECIAL ADVANCE BALLOT] is prepared under AS 15.20.082 (a) and 6 AAC 25.660 includes a race for United States representative, United States senator, or President and Vice-President of the United States,

(1) the director will send a **special absentee ballot** [SPECIAL ADVANCE BALLOT] for that federal race to a voter

(A) who has notified the director in writing that the voter is an overseas voter; and

(B) whom the director determines to qualify as an overseas voter under AS 15.05.011 ; and

(2) the **special absentee ballot** [SPECIAL ADVANCE BALLOT] will be prepared with that federal race as prescribed under AS 15.20.082 (c), and a regular absentee ballot as described in 6 AAC 25.671 will be prepared as prescribed under AS 15.20.082 (d) and sent to each person receiving a **special absentee ballot** [SPECIAL ADVANCE BALLOT] under this section.

6 AAC 25.672(b) is amended to read:

(b) A **special absentee ballot** [SPECIAL ADVANCE BALLOT] will be mailed to a voter who provides written notice under (a) of this section if the application is received not later than **47** [28] days before the election in which the voter seeks to vote.

6 AAC 25.672(c) is amended to read:

(c) A voter voting a **special absentee ballot** [SPECIAL ADVANCE] shall mail the ballot to the director who shall maintain a record of each ballot received as prescribed under AS 15.20.081 (g).

(Eff. 4/25/2008, Register 186; am 10/16/2009, Register 192; am __/__/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 15.05.011 AS 15.15.030 AS 15.20.082

AS 15.15.010

AS 15.20.030

6 AAC 25.680(a) is amended to read:

(a) An application for an absentee ballot that **requests the ballot be delivered** [INDICATES THAT THE ABSENTEE BALLOT WILL BE RETURNED] by electronic transmission will be accepted if received by the division no earlier than 15 days, and no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, the day before a state election as defined in AS 15.20.225, **except that an absent uniformed services voter or an overseas voter as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1973ff-6 may apply at any time.** The application must include the voter's name, Alaska residence address, **unless registered as an overseas voter as defined in AS 15.05.011, the method for receiving the ballot by electronic transmission, as established by the director, and the necessary electronic ballot transmission information** [BALLOT MAILING ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE FACSIMILE MACHINE] to which the ballot is to be sent, [AND] signature, a telephone number where the voter can be contacted, and a form of identification. The form of identification provided must be the voter's

- (1) voter registration number;
- (2) social security number or last four digits of the voter's social security number;
- (3) date of birth;
- (4) Alaska driver's license number; or
- (5) Alaska State identification number.

6 AAC 25.680(d)(2) is amended to read:

(2) instructions to the voter with procedures for returning the completed ballot by electronic transmission or by mail, including **(1)** a telephone number for **the appropriate division regional office** [A CENTRAL] facsimile machine **to which the ballot is** [IN A LOCATION DETERMINED BY THE DIRECTOR TO WHICH ALL BALLOT RETURNED BY ELECTRONIC TRANSMITTED ARE] to be transmitted; **(2) instructions to return the ballot through electronic online service to the appropriate regional office of the division;** and **(3)** the address of the appropriate regional office of the division to which the ballot may be mailed; and

6 AAC 25.680(j)(3) is repealed:

(3) repealed ____/____/____. (Eff. 8/24/96, Register 139; em am 6/22/98 – 10/19/98, Register 147; am 8/13/2000, Register 155; am 8/22/2004, Register 171; am 5/14/2006, Register 178; am 10/16/2009, Register 192; am ____/____/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.20.081 AS 15.20.225
AS 15.20.066 AS 15.20.082

6 AAC 25.685(d) is amended to read:

(d) **A** [BEFORE JUNE 4, 2006, A] request for an absentee replacement ballot by mail under (a) or (b) of this section must be made [NO LATER THAN SEVEN DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE ELECTION. ON OR AFTER JUNE 4, 2006, A REQUEST FOR AN ABSENTEE REPLACEMENT BALLOT BY MAIL UNDER (a) OR (b) OF THIS SECTION MUST BE MADE] no later than 10 days before the date of the election.

6 AAC 25.685(e)(3) is amended to read:

(3) the **method for receiving the ballot by electronic transmission, as established by the director, and the necessary electronic ballot transmission information** [ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION TELEPHONE NUMBER WHERE THE BALLOT IS TO BE TRANSMITTED];

6 AAC 25.685(g) is amended to read:

(g) A voter who receives an absentee replacement ballot under this section must return the ballot by mail in accordance with the provisions of AS 15.20.081(d) - (h), **or by electronic transmission if the replacement ballot is for a primary, general or state election.**

6 AAC 25.685(h)(3) is amended to read:

(3) instructions to the voter with procedures for returning the completed ballot by mail **or electronic transmission; and**

6 AAC 25.685(h)(4) is repealed:

(4) repealed ____/____/____;

6 AAC 25.685(h)(5) is amended to read:

(5) the mailing address **or electronic transmission information** of the appropriate regional office of the division to which the ballot must be mailed **or sent.**

6 AAC 25.685(l) is repealed:

(l) Repealed ____/____/____. (Eff. 5/14/2006, Register 178; am ____/____/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 15.15.010 AS 15.20.066 AS 15.20.081

6 AAC 25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

6 AAC 25.686. Delivery of official absentee ballot to voters under Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA). For federal elections, the director shall send the official absentee ballot and absentee voting material as soon as they are ready for distribution, except for absent uniformed services voter or an absent overseas voter as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1973ff-6 for whom the director shall send an absentee ballot and other voting materials to the applicant beginning no later than 45 days before election day. (Eff. ____/____/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 15.20.081

6 AAC 25.990 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(9) "electronic transmission" means transmission or delivery of a ballot by facsimile machine or an electronic online service. (Eff. 10/31/98, Register 148; am 12/15/99, Register 153; am 8/22/2004, Register 171; am 5/14/2006, Register 178; am ____/____/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 15.07.050 AS 15.20.081 AS 15.45.110
AS 15.15.010 AS 15.20.900 AS 15.45.130
AS 15.15.030 AS 15.45.060